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Mr. Michael G. Thorne
Chief Executive Officer
Washington State Ferries
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Dear Mr. Thorne:

Thank you for your submission of an Alternative Security Program pursuant to 33 CFR Subchapter H covering the vessels and terminals under the ownership and control of Washington State Ferries. After thorough review, and based on our agreement concerning issues to be addressed, we are pleased to inform you that your proposed program is hereby granted interim approval. You are authorized to implement it immediately and in its entirety.

This interim approval will become final when we have confirmed, with the assistance of U. S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Puget Sound, that the outstanding issues have been addressed to our satisfaction. If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact Lieutenant Commander C. H. Calametti at (202) 366-9820.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. L. Hereth", with a stylized flourish at the end.

L. L. Hereth
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard (G-MP)
Director, Port Security

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